

DAVIS BECOMES STATE OFFICIAL

Noted Petersburg Attorney Succeeds Late William E. Bibb.

With the outspoken approval of all the State officials, Richard B. Davis, of Petersburg, yesterday became Assistant Attorney-General of Virginia. Mr. Davis, who, as stated by The Times-Dispatch, was offered the position by Attorney-General Williams last Friday, came to Richmond yesterday morning, took the oath of office and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties.

It is no exaggeration to say that hardly a possible appointment could have given more genuine pleasure to the Capitol people. Everywhere the opinion was expressed that the State has gained a most valuable public officer, one who will bring to the position distinguished legal attainments, an ability which is marked, and a standing in the State which is most enviable. The fact of his acceptance has been the source of general delight.

Mr. Davis will continue to reside in Petersburg, where he has practiced his profession for many years. He will go back and forth each day. In addition, it will be possible for him to give more general supervision to the business of his law firm, which will be continued. Attorneys-General of Virginia have always practiced to some extent. The appointee has a notable Confederate record. He has served in the Legislature, and as a member of its committee to revise the Code of the State, doing work which was regarded as marked in its ability.

WHO FOOTED THOSE TRAVELING BILLS?

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excused from voting even in observance of a pair, and after the roll call was concluded Senators Dillingham and Martin were compelled to rise and ask to be excused because of pairs. No objection was made in either case.

The Senate to-day adopted the House joint resolution agreeing to adjourn on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. The recess will continue until Thursday, January 5.

Preparing Canal Bill.
Washington, D. C., December 19.—President Taft is having the draft of a bill designed to carry out his ideas as to collection of tolls on the Panama Canal, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, which will deal with the subject, has conferred with the President, and in all probability will introduce the administration measure.

President Taft urged action on the toll question in his message to Congress, declaring that present consideration is necessary in order that the world's commerce may have time to adjust itself to the new conditions resulting from the opening of the water highway. The President believes that the tolls ought not to exceed 1 per cent, with a view to obtaining a gross income of nearly \$7,000,000. The maintenance and operation cost is estimated at upwards of \$3,000,000, and the President's view is that ultimately, with the normal increase in trade the income will approximate the interest charges upon the \$100,000,000 investment which the United States has made in the construction of the canal.

New Rule Is Used.
Washington, D. C., December 19.—For the first time the House of Representatives to-day put into actual practice the new rule adopted last before the close of last session, whereby on "Suspension Monday" motions to discharge a committee from further consideration of a public bill and to place the bill on the calendar shall have precedence over motions to suspend the rules and bring in some particular bill.

As a result thereof the reading was again of a bill for the revision and modification of the postal laws. This provides for a practical reclassification of the postal service and for the appointment of a director-general of posts. The latter would be a permanent government official, being subject to dismissal for cause only, and would be the practical manager of the entire Post-Office Department. This would not dispense with the Cabinet position of Postmaster-General, and the latter would be the real head of the department, giving his attention, however, almost entirely to the broader questions of policy affecting the department.

Rather slow progress was made with the reading of the bill, which is a long one, because of the fact that some of the members were anxious to have taken up a pension bill providing pensions for civil and naval war veterans more than sixty-two years of age.

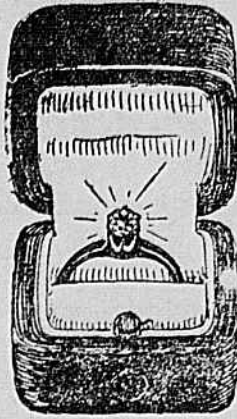
Every parliamentary procedure to have the postal bill disposed of and the pension bill taken up was resorted to, but without result.

Dugazon Nominated.
Washington, D. C., December 19.—President Taft to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Louis F. Dugazon, of New Orleans, to be receiver of public moneys at that place.

House Passes Bill.
Washington, D. C., December 19.—The House of Representatives to-day passed a bill providing that while it is impossible to identify the individual burial places of Confederate soldiers and sailors who died in Northern prisons and were buried near the prisons, the Secretary of War shall have erected central masonry monuments.

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ments, upon which bronze tablets shall be placed containing the names of the prisoners of war who are buried in the vicinity.

DEAFULTING OFFICER IS HELD FOR GREECE

New York, December 19.—D. N. Botas, the Greek consul-general, called to-day upon Commissioner of Immigration Williams and conceded the jurisdiction of the commissioner over Nicholas Simopoulos, the Greek army officer who arrived here yesterday on board the Greek steamer Themistocles. Simopoulos is charged with complicity in the embezzlement of \$400,000 from the Greek government, and when the Themistocles reached port her captain refused to turn him over to the immigration authorities, saying that the army officer was subjected to the orders of the Greek government alone.

Simopoulos is still aboard the Themistocles, and Mr. Williams said in a statement to-night that it had not been determined what course he would pursue in the matter. The Themistocles will return to Greece to-morrow.

Mr. Botas said to-day that Simopoulos admitted his identity and confessed his share in the alleged defalcation in which twenty-one army officers were concerned. The money was obtained, the consul said, from stolen army stores.

A WORLD CONFERENCE

Washington Invited All Interested in Negroes to Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., December 19.—Booker T. Washington, head of the well-known industrial school for negroes here, has issued invitations for an international conference to be held at Tuskegee, of all persons in America and Europe interested in the education and improvement of the negro race. It is planned to hold this conference in January 1912, and bring together not only students of colonial and racial question, but missionaries, teachers and government officials who are actually engaged in the work of aiding the negro people.

The purpose of the conference will be to gain from those in attendance clear and definite ideas of the actual problems involved in the redemption of the negro and to enable those engaged in similar work in Africa to see for themselves and profit by the methods employed at the Tuskegee schools.

HEAR ENGLISH METHOD

Commission Is Told How British Railroads Are Run.

New York, December 19.—An outline of English methods of railway control was given to-day to the Railway Securities Commission, recently appointed by President Taft, by W. H. Acworth, a parliamentary barrister and also a lecturer on railway economics in the London University, and an authority on English railway affairs.

Mr. Acworth was followed by Jacob H. Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who said that railroad companies should be protected from conflicting orders by State and the Federal railroad commission. The Interstate Commerce Commission alone should be obeyed, he thought.

"We cannot serve two masters and prosper," he said.

Mr. Schiff suggested that the commission recommend that stock be not issued under the act, added, however, that there should be no experimental legislation, but that the commission should use discretion in its recommendations. Legislation which might be fair for one railroad, he said, might be unfair for another.

OFFICERS ENTERTAINED

They Are Guests of London Branch of American Navy League.

London, December 19.—The London branch of the American Navy League gave a reception and ball to the officers of the American battleships. Several hundred members of the American colony attended. Frederick Fisk, president of the league, received the guests, who included: Captain S. A. Clemen, military attaché; Rear-Admiral Charles E. Vreeland, commanding the second division of the United States Atlantic fleet; Rear-Admiral Thomas B. Ford, commanding the fourth division, and Rear-Admiral Edward D. Taussig, United States Navy, retired.

The company consisted for the most part of the officers in full uniform and young women.

GOMPERS TO AID IN ORGANIZATION

Washington, December 19.—Employees of the government departments have taken up the matter of organizing a union the better to protect their interests, the matter having been formally discussed with the officers of the American Federation of Labor, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said to a reporter to-day:

"The government clerks who have appealed to the Federation for assistance in organizing seem to be very much in earnest in the project. We will be very glad to aid them, as we are to aid any group of men and women who are wage-earners in perfecting an organization to protect their interests."

Declines to Discuss Plans.
Mr. Gompers was asked if any arrangements had yet been made for calling together the government employees to take the preliminary steps in forming their organization.

"I cannot discuss plans for such a meeting at present," replied Mr. Gompers.

It is well understood among the government clerks that the first steps toward the proposed organization are to be taken quietly and with no show of antagonism to the Federal government or to the heads of the departments and bureaus.

Mr. Gompers said that he was very glad to see that the clerks so far in nearly all the departments had escaped having an extra half hour added to their daily working hours without an increase in pay.

Perseverence to Assist.
"The American Federation of Labor will help in every possible way to prevent this increase in laboring hours without an increase in pay," said Mr. Gompers. "But even though this scare may be over for the time being, it may recur. The purpose of organizing a union of the government employees is to be ready to obtain justice for the employees whenever it becomes necessary. Once it is firmly organized and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and with the laboring men of the country, standing with the government clerks' union, the organization will be a power for much good."

"The proposed union will be there to take up questions of salary adjustment with the government officials. There is a tendency at present to increase the salaries of the high officials of the government and to economize at the expense of the government clerks and all other minor employees. This is unjust. These men and women are being asked to work long hours and receive no more pay than before. Yet they do the hard work of the government."

Strike Not Contemplated.
"There is no question of strike with the government employees. They will not strike, but seek, through reason, to obtain their just demands. They will be requested to work overtime by the government, and the very nature of the government service will demand that they work overtime sometimes. But there should be some arrangement whereby the overtime work may be equitized and not fall upon one set of employees all the time. As it is, there are numbers of clerks who are constantly compelled to work overtime, while their fellows get off at regular time."

HENRICO COUNTY.

Financial Statement of Expenditures for Six Months Ending June 30, 1910.

WORK ON ROADS.

Tuckahoe District:
To J. A. Carter, superintendent, \$ 300 00
To work on roads of said district and materials furnished 1,200 00
To amount paid for feeding teams 70 27

Note—To be credited by material furnished 1 00
\$1,571 20

Brookland District:
To A. R. Cross, superintendent, \$ 420 00
To work on roads of said district and materials furnished 2,485 35
To amount paid for feeding teams 1,426 73

Note—To be credited by material furnished 4,342 08
\$3,111 35

Field District:
To Joseph W. Taylor, superintendent of roads, \$ 360 00
To work on roads of said district and materials furnished 1,632 73
To amount paid for feeding teams 600 00

Note—To be credited by material furnished 548 62
\$3,141 35

Note—To be credited by material furnished 140 00
\$3,001 35

NEW ROADS, BRIDGES, ETC.

To Joseph H. Turner, superintendent of roads, \$ 300 00
To work on roads of said district and materials furnished 1,551 89
To amount paid for feeding teams 602 50

Note—To be credited by material furnished 2,512 39
\$3,141 35

STATE AND COUNTY PERMANENT ROAD FUND.

To J. E. Fowles, contract work on Cary Street Road, \$ 952 68
To W. P. Velch, contract work on Williamsburg Road, 2,574 72
To W. P. Velch, contract work on Williamsburg Road, 394 71

To W. P. Velch, contract work on Williamsburg Road, 943 21
To W. P. Velch, contract work on Williamsburg Road, 635 17

To T. W. Antim & Son, assignment of road, 40 30
To T. Taylor, land damages for road from Williamsburg Road to Powell's gate, 15 00
To cost of viewers, etc., 5 50

Note—To be credited by material furnished 143 44
\$1,132 01

PERMANENT POOR.

To salary of Superintendent of Poor, \$ 160 00
To salary of physician for poor house, 75 00
To support of paupers in almshouse, 1,337 01

Note—To be credited by material furnished 1,572 01
\$1,572 01

TEMPORARY POOR.

To J. H. Brown, overseer, services rendered and expenses incurred on account of poor, \$ 30 00
To supplies furnished—Ingraham and wife, \$18; C. Taylor, \$9; Amanda, \$10; Charles, \$10

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TAX NOTICE

Office Collector of City Taxes, City Hall, Richmond, Va., Dec. 1, 1910.

Notice to Tax payers

THE LAST HALF OF CITY TAXES, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL, for 1910, is NOW DUE AND PAYABLE at this office.

EVERY MALE twenty-one years of age, and EVERY person keeping house or doing business in the city, is assessed for personal taxes. Those who have not paid any city taxes during the year will please call and settle, so as to avoid being posted as delinquents.

GRADING, PAVING, PIPE AND SEWER CONNECTION BILLS are also due, and will have to be declared delinquent if not paid on or before end of year.

FIVE PER CENT. will be added to last half if not paid on or before DECEMBER 31ST.

Particular attention is called to the above, as under an ordinance passed by the City Council there can be no avoidance of the penalty.

WASHINGTON WARD TAXES to be paid in same manner at the office of J. F. ROBINSON, Special Assistant City Collector, at Tenth and Hull Streets.

F. W. CUNNINGHAM, Collector of City Taxes.

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